

# OWL HOOT

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## CONCLAVE FEVER GROWING

The Order of the Arrow Sectional Conclave is probably the largest inter-council event in our area.

The 1986 Section IV Conclave will be held:

Camp Calvin (Atlanta Presbytery Camp  
and Conference Center.)  
Hampton, GA.

April 18, 19, and 20, 1986

Reservations are required by the lodge and will be on a first come, first serve basis. The cost is \$17.00, delegate fee plus \$8.00 for sleeping quarters. Total fee is \$25.00 and is non-refundable, but can be sold to another lodge member, in good standing.

The lodge reserved 32 delegate spaces and prepaid \$256.00 to hold Housing Unit 3 for our delegates. The deadline for registering is February 28, 1986. After this date all unfilled delegate spaces will be offered to other councils in Section IV.

Featured at the conclave will be the ever famous "Quest for the Golden Arrow". The Quest events include a chariot race, tug-of-war, archery and egg toss. Our lodge must be well represented in all events to win the Quest. The lodge came in third last year and with your help, we can do better this year.

A Section IV business meeting will be held, and the election of section officers, is a highlight. Our 1st Vice-Chief, Johnnie Bryant, Jr. is the Section IV Secretary.

Typical Agenda:

Friday, April 18, 1986

4:00-9:00 p.m. Registration  
6:00-12:00 p.m. Indian Demonstrations, Welcome, Opening Show, Patch Trading, Council of Chiefs, Movie, Taps.

Saturday, April 19, 1986

7:00-12:00 a.m. Reveille, Breakfast, Training Periods 1, 2, and 3,  
12:00-1:30 p.m. Lunch  
1:30-6:30 p.m. Campwide Games, Outfit Competition, Indian Dancing, and The Quest.  
6:30-8:00 p.m. Banquet  
8:30-9:30 p.m. Awards and Recognitions Camp Fire  
10:00-1:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel, Patch Trading, Movie, Taps

Sunday, April 20, 1986

7:00-11:00 a.m. Reveille, Chapel Services, Elections, Closing, Good-bye.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

## VICE-CHIEF'S COMMENTS. . .

The Immokalee Lodge is a growing lodge. One which is striving to become the best. We hope to achieve our goals by better establishing the duties of the lodge officers and getting the total membership more involved.

The committees under my job title include camp promotion, service, and activities. As you see all of which deal with the lodges camp activities. By having a better camp and better activities at OA functions, we hope to encourage more members to become active and put forth some sort of commitment to the Order of the Arrow.

If you would like to serve on one of these committees or have a question about one, please contact me at 888-6746.

Johnnie Bryant, Jr.  
Lodge First Vice Chief

### who's who

#### OUR NEW LODGE ADVISOR:

Scout Executive Tom Dugger appointed Brooks Lovelace, Lodge Advisor for 1986. Mr. Lovelace is not new to this lodge. He was inducted and completed the Ordeal in 1964, while serving as Scoutmaster of Troop 15. He was Camp Director in 1971 & 1972. Mr. Lovelace received the Virgil Honor in 1972. During this period he was also the lodge Staff Advisor and District Executive, Central District. He is an Eagle Scout, 1939, and Silver Beaver recipient. He replaces Mr. Ernest Forthman, who, due to business and personal reasons, could not continue as lodge advisor. THANKS, Ernie.

### 1986 DUES

All "Inactive" and Dropped" members, your Lodge Executive Committee waved the Lodge Rule, for all of 1986, which stated that "Inactive members may be restored to active status by validating current membership registration with the Boy Scouts of America plus one year's back dues and the current year's dues."

Pay your \$4.00 and become an active member and enjoy the FELLOWSHIP and SERVICE with your fellow Arrowman. We have much that has to be done in the months ahead.

## ELANGOMAT CLAN SYSTEM

### DO YOU HERD YOUR CANDIDATES?

It is universally recognized that the Ordeal experience is the key to success or failure in an Order of the Arrow chapter or lodge. Each member's dedication to the Order rests ultimately upon his Ordeal. It is equally established that the Ordeal must be a very personal experience if it is to be successful. Yet many lodges treat their candidates much like cattle, herding them from place to place. The individual becomes lost in the mass; no one takes an interest in each candidate as an individual.

A solution to this problem called the **Elangomat Clan System** was developed by the Dakota Chapter, Tipisa Lodge in 1969. Under this system, candidates are separated into small groups, called **Clans**, of no more than eight candidates. In charge of each clan is an **Elangomat** (a Lenni Lenape word for "friend"). The Elangomat is with his clan throughout the entire Ordeal, from registration to completion, as their personal guide. In this way, individual attention may be given, an atmosphere of Brotherhood is established and many problems concerning mass movements and confusion are eliminated.

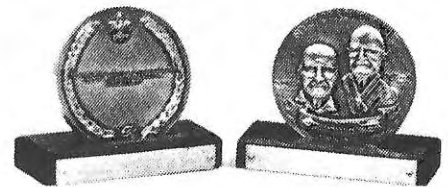
The key to the beauty and success of this system is that the Elangomat undergoes **all** of the tests of the Ordeal with the candidates in his clan. After he places them in the area assigned to his clan, he spends the night alone in a nearby predetermined spot. In the morning, they cook their food together (delivered in the early morning hours to each Elangomat) he eats the same scant fare. During the day, the Elangomat leads by the strength of his example, working with the candidates. He avoids giving orders, and only talks when necessary or to give private counsel. The unselfish example of the Elangomat gives the candidates a clear picture of our ideals, and is not easily brushed aside or forgotten.

The Elangomat participates in full in the Ordeal with the candidates in his clan, lifting them up and guiding them by the strength of his example. The Ordeal revolves around the clans, and therefore around the candidates.

*Elangomat; pronounced E-lan-go-mat.*

## Founder's Award

The Founder's Award is given, as an honor, to an Arrowman for exemplary service to the lodge. In 1985, the lodge chose to honor two of Immokalee Lodge's Arrowmen. They were Carlton Unruh and C. E. Mosley. Both are Vigil members who have been faithful in the responsibilities to all lodge functions and have "gone the extra mile" to make our lodge the best. Congratulations to both of these Arrowmen.



The "QUEST FOR QUALITY"



## Editorial

*The following is another of a series of editorials being reprinted from past issues of the National Bulletin, this one from the fourth issue of 1972. It is still extremely relevant, especially to many lodges within our Section. It deals with a controversial topic, and is designed to provoke discussion, not insult. Please carefully consider it's message.*

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### Is Your Lodge Flap Showing?

As I have traveled and talked with Arrowmen and non-Arrowmen adults in all corners of the BSA, I have found a growing group of Scouters who consider the Order "just a bunch of patch-loving, bead-wearing, overgrown kids." I have witnessed lodges that, in addition to the traditional lodge flap, issue necklace beads, belt beads, ribbons, bells, and chapter patches. Little wonder that someone not familiar with OA might see a gaudy mixture of Scouts and children playing cowboys and Indians. Also, I have seen many area meetings and lodge sessions that were glorified bartering sessions where, under the guise of "fellowship," brothers bargained for hours, trying to get the best deal that they could. I am sure that each of us has seen many examples of what I am describing. There are solutions to these problems, and even though they are controversial I feel it is time all lodges make changes that will correct the situation.

When trying to discover the reason behind the big increase in patches, beads, and other "gifts" or awards, many lodge chiefs say they help motivate Arrowmen to become more involved in lodge programs. This may be true; however, is **this** form of reward for service an integral part of the traditions of the Order? I think not. How can we teach Arrowmen the sig-

nificance and honor of unselfish service when we reward even the most insignificant act. Much of the prestige that the Order has gained throughout the years has been through the marvelous way that members volunteer to give of their time, effort, and money without plan or hope of reward. As Uncas went forth on an unselfish mission, so should we encourage our Arrowmen to give without expecting a reward.

Far and away the greatest source of conflict and disagreement with the Order falls into one specific area—the sacred, worshiped lodge flap. As the Order grew, the BSA felt that there should be some method for brothers to recognize brothers—a visible sign of recognition. However, many Arrowmen have forgotten this purpose and in the process have helped to create an unbelievable lodge flap trading business. So the flap, designed as a method of brothers recognizing brothers, is now destroying the honorable service image of the Order. There is something we can do to save our image—and this is it. Every lodge in the Nation must place its objectives on service, and forget about patches and flaps except as a means of recognition. Each lodge must remove all restrictions on sales of lodge flaps and make it the one single recognition for lodge members.

It is time for the Order to remember and strengthen its tradition of cheerful unrewarded service.

Paul Pruitt



*Editors Note: This article was last published in "The Chatter", Section I, Southeast Region, B.S.A. Paul Pruitt, is the author of this article, was National Chief, Order of the Arrow when he wrote this article for the "National Bulletin". The "National Bulletin", is the national Order of the Arrow publication.*

# SPRING BROTHERHOOD

The Spring Brotherhood will be held at Camp Osborn on March 22 & 23, 1986. This is the time for all you Ordeal members, who have been Ordeal members at least 10 months, to become Brotherhood members of the Lodge.

To become a Brotherhood member you must:

1. Be an active Ordeal member for at least ten (10) months.
2. Memorize the Obligation of the Order of the Arrow.
3. Know the words of the Order of the Arrow song.
4. Be a registered active member in both Scouting and the Order of the Arrow.
5. Write a letter to the Lodge Secretary expressing why you feel that you are prepared for the Brotherhood. In the letter you must:
  - a. Explain what the Obligation means.
  - b. Describe how you have been fulfilling this Obligation in your Troop or Post and in your daily life, and how you have used your understanding of the traditions of the Order of the Arrow to aid in your service.
  - c. Describe the specific plans you have for rendering service the Lodge in fulfillment of the new pledge you expect to take.
6. Attend the Spring Brotherhood and go through the Brotherhood Ceremony.

Please note that this week-end is set for all lodge members, not just for Brotherhood Candidates. The week-end will include work projects, fun activities, Brotherhood questioning for Brotherhood Candidates and Brotherhood Ceremony.

You may call the Council Service Center, 436-7226, and make your reservations.

**Brotherhood Candidates:** When you write your letter, send it to the Lodge Secretary, Mark Fowler, 503 East Price St., Sylvester, GA 31791 (before March 15, 1986) or you may bring the letter to the Spring Brotherhood.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m., Saturday morning, at the Camp Headquarters. Please bring a sack lunch. Drink will be available. Supper will be served, as will a light breakfast. Chapel service will be held at 9 o'clock, or you may leave for home to attend your own church. Cost for supper and breakfast will be \$5.00.

The reason for starting on Saturday and ending on Sunday is recent increases in insurance, and accident occurring after a long day and night, then driving long distances home. Thanks for your cooperation.

Lodge records indicate that the following Ordeal members are ELIGABLE to become Brotherhood members at the Spring Brotherhood.

Carver, Randall (791)	Raverson, Sawm (733)
Cline, Tom Sr. (7111)	Salter, Wade (7100)
Frank, Sonny Sr. (733)	Smith, Michael (713)
Fennell, Terry (7240)	Smith, James (7100)
Gimenez, Edgar (7121)	Smith, Allen (7100)
Johnson, Brad (762)	Stacey, John (Ranger)
Keller, Matt (73)	Tong, David (7106)
McCurley, Tom (721)	Tong, Henry (7106)
Marbury, Rick (7121)	Tong, John (7106)
Odum, J.C. Jr. (7450)	Tong, Samuel (7106)

## ORDER OF THE ARROW ORDEAL

### LODGE MEMBERS AND SCOUTMASTERS:

Immokalee Lodge is going the "extra mile" this year and is trying to make sure EVERY Scout and Scouter elected, in 1985, has an opportunity to participate in an Ordeal induction.

We need your help, in making sure that no one is over-looked! If you know of anyone, who was elected in 1985, who has not gone through the Ordeal, call the Scout Service Center, 436-7226, or write to Southwest Georgia Council, Inc., Attn: Lodge Advisor, 930 W. Oglethorpe Blvd., Albany, GA 31702, immediately. **THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE!!!**

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